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DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT

The 70th Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, will be held on May 2, 3, 4, 1952, at the New Ocean House, Swampscott, and reservations for rooms will be made direct to the Hotel.

FRIDAY A.M.

Joint Opening with the Auxiliary in the ball room of the hotel.

FRIDAY P.M.

Credential Committee will meet at 1:00 p.m.
Opening session will be at 1:30 p.m. Order of business will start promptly.
Appointment of Committees.
Reading of Officers' Reports and reference to committee.
Presentation of resolutions and recommendations and reference to committees.
Nomination of Officers. (No speeches.)

FRIDAY EVENING

Auxiliary Initiation at 7:30 p.m., followed by Courtesy Hour.

SATURDAY A.M.

Opening 9:15 a.m.
Reports of Committees.
New Business.
Nominating Speeches.
Greetings Committees from our Allied Orders — 10:00 a.m.
Recess—12:00 o'clock noon.

SATURDAY — FINAL SESSION

Opening, 1:30 p.m.
Election of Officers.
Closing.

SATURDAY EVENING

6:30 p.m. Banquet.

8:00 p.m. Reception to Department Officers, followed by grand trooping of colors and Ball. All Camps are requested to bring their colors and take part in grand trooping of colors.

SUNDAY A.M.

10:00 a.m. Joint Memorial Services with our Auxiliary under the direction of both Department Chaplains. Department Chaplain John W. Emery has requested that all Camps who have lost members by death, to have some Brother represent the Camp at the Memorial Services.

Installation of Officers jointly with the Auxiliary.

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COMMITTEES

The following Committees are hereby appointed:

Encampment Committee — Dept. Treasurer George E. Hunt, chairman; P.D.C. Addison A. Quinn; P. C.-in-C. Charles H. E. Moran; Dept. Secretary Leon H. Palmer; Dept. Council Edwin J. Lennon.

Credentials — Leon H. Palmer, Dept. Secretary; Frank A. Raymond, Camp 4; Herbert W. Bogue, Camp 15; George White, Camp 37; Earl W. Harrington, Camp 50; George D. Lamarsh, Camp 60.

Constitution and Regulations — P.D.C. Henry F. Weiler; P.D.C. William W. Haskell; Robert S. O'Toole, Camp 25; Henry O. Morrison, Camp 4; John L. Day, Camp 9.

Ritual and Ceremonies — P.D.C. Allen B. Howland; Carder A. Perkins, Senior Vice Department Commander; William H. Crocker, Camp 9; Charles Vaughan, Camp 150; Francis H. Barbaro, Camp 109.

Resolutions — P. D. C. Thomas Crawford; P.D.C. Louis E. Winchell, Dept. Council Charles W. Hooper; Dept. Organizer Howard Waite; LaForest E. Osborne, Camp 35.

Reports of Officers — P.D.C. William C. Rule; P.D.C. George William Kimball; P.D.C. Parker B. Chandler; Harold P. Kelley, Camp 60; William S. George, Camp 61.

Restoration of Past Rank — P.D.C. Roy C. Call; P.J.V.D.C. George O. Walker; Junior Vice Dept. Commander Harold P. Shepardson; Wilbur L. Loomer, Camp 25; Lester W. Eldridge, Camp 44.

Publicity — P.D.C. Harold M. Drown, Dept. Public Secretary; Herbert W. Bogue, Camp 15; Lester K. Sweeney, Camp 25.

GREETINGS

Auxiliary S. U. V. C. W. — P. C.-in-C. Charles H. E. Moran; P.D.C. Addison A. Quinn; P.D.C. Allen B. Howland; P.D.C. Elias A. Sweet; P.D.C. Henry F. Weiler; P.D.C. William W. Haskell.

Daughters of Union Veterans — P.D.C. Harold M. Drown; Senior Vice Dept. Commander Carder A. Perkins; Dept. Council Edwin J. Lennon.

Ladies of the G. A. R. — P.D.C. William O. Fuller; John L. Day, Camp 9; Dept. Secretary Leon H. Palmer.

Woman's Relief Corps — P.D.C. William C. Rule; Dept. Organizer Howard Waite; Paul A. Hoey, Camp 25.

REPORTS

All Camp Secretaries' and Treasurers' Reports must be sent into Headquarters promptly. Failure to do so will deprive your Camp of representation at the Encampment.

All Department Officers' Reports should be made in duplicate and sent in to the Department Secretary by April 25, 1952.

Past Commanders and Delegates must have proper credentials and present them to the Credential Committee promptly on arrival.

This is my last Department Order as your Commander and I wish to thank all who have tried to help in building up our Department. It has been a pleasure to serve the Massachusetts Department and to have had the hearty co-operation of such a wonderful staff of Officers.

I take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the Allied Orders for their co-operation during the past year; and especially to Department President Maybell Howard who was with me on many occasions.

In closing this, my last report, I am sincere when I say I have enjoyed every hour spent in the service of our Department. Again, Brothers, I wish to thank you and my Staff Officers who so ably served with me.

Yours in F. C., and L.,

HERBERT L. SMITH, Department Commander.

DEPT. ENCAMPMENT RATES

The following prices have been given out by the New Ocean House, Swampscott, for the Encampment May 2, 3, 4: Double room with bath, twin beds, $11.50 and $12.00; large room with bath, three beds, $10.50 and $11.00; large room with bath, four beds, $10.00 and $10.25; double room with running water, twin beds, $10.50 and $11.00; single room with bath, $13.00 and $14.00; single room with running water, $12.00. All prices are per person per day, including all meals.

PLEASE NOTE

The next issue of the "Camp News" will be published the latter part of May. Please send news to the Publicity Secretary or direct to me before May 15.

If you desire to have this little paper continued you must send in the news. Remember, it is only the expenditure of a three-cent stamp we are asking for. Will YOU co-operate?

HERBERT L. SMITH,
P. O. Box 112, Plymouth

ENCAMPMENTS

D. U. V.—Hotel Lenox, Boston, April 8-9.

L. G. A. R.—Hotel Manger, Boston, April 9-10.

W. R. C. — Worcester, April 15-16.

Rhode Island — Providence, April 25-26.

Connecticut — Hartford, May 17-18.

Vermont — Brattleboro, June 26-27-28.

MEMBERSHIP

Dear Brothers:

You realize that if our Order is to carry out the duties that are ours, we must have numerical strength, for without a large membership our activities must be curtailed.

The few remaining members of the G. A. R. expect us to perpetuate the memory of the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC; how can we do that unless we have an organization large enough to have the people in our various communities listen to us.

We have not set any quota, but we do want every Camp to make a gain. You can do that if you are willing to put in a little work for the organization. There is no doubt that each member can get at least one candidate. Are you willing to do that in memory of him whose service in the Civil War made it possible for you to be a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War?

It is possible to have a class initiation, jointly with our Auxiliary, Friday evening, May 2, at Swampscott. All we need are the candidates!

Will your Camp co-operate and help us make our Oraginzation one that our Fathers would have been proud.

Fraternally and sincerely,

HAROLD P. SHEPARDSON,
Junior Vice Department Commander
Chairman, Membership Committee

"THE GOOD SHIP 35 AND ITS LIFE-BOAT," NEW BEDFORD

Note: In former years it was the custom of Camp 35 to send its news to the "Banner" under the caption of "The Good Ship 35." If permitted, I would add — and "Its Life-boat, Auxiliary One," and that's no joke, either.

Camp 35 is now Skippered by Evan S. Crocker, Sr., and if I guess correctly we will weather the storm with all colors at the masthead. (May I add that our ship is not in two parts as has recently happened to a couple of our seaborne tankers, but WE ARE UNITED for the one purpose of carrying out the commands of our Grand Army of the Republic; that is, to carry on as they did, in remembrance of what they did to unite this Nation of ours. This we have pledged to do, and by the help of the Almighty we will succeed.

Commander Crocker has made the following appointments: Entertainment Committee, Brothers Haskell, Thomas and "Bill" Fuller; G. A. R. Memorial Day Committee, Brothers Osborne, Haskell, M. F. Brown, and Henry Hammond (permanent secretary); Co-operation Committee, F. E. Brown for Auxiliary One, M. F. Brown for Daughters of Veterans, and L. E. Osborne for Woman's Relief Corps. (We find that this has been a success, and recommend it to any Camp that has been slipping in the past.) Memorial Day Committee (Camp), F. E. Brown, Haskell, M. F. Brown, and Thomas; Membership Committee, Gay and Osborne; Publicity, Osborne; and Civil Defense, Thomas, to represent the Camp in the City set-up.

While I was Commander, one of my projects was to have an "Every Member Supper." Due to have taken place in September, it was found to be in conflict with other activities being held about that time and it was found necessary to put it over to be held after the installation of our new officers. Therefore, invitations were sent to every member and to several who have been prominent in assisting our Camp, especially on Memorial Day, and to a few eligibles. This supper was "free" and it was attended by fourteen members, and seven invited guests. Supper was held at Knowlton's near the center, and one of the waitresses at the table was none other than Minnie Madeiros, of our "Life-boat." This supper was followed by an impromptu meeting at Camp headquarters which resulted in three membership applications which have since become realities. Who said it couldn't be done? We have tentative plans to have a repeat performance some time in April which we hope will give perhaps better results in membership getting.

Following our regular meeting, Feb. 12th, we marched to the meeting hall of "Life-boat" (our "Life-boat" meets downstairs in the same building), and under their direction were privileged to enjoy an evening of games and other fun sponsored by a committee from the "Life-boat." What a swell time we had. Members from our Family, Corps, Daughters, etc., were present. I should add that this entertainment was preceded by a supper put on by the same committee and 60 persons were seated.

Always an exponent of closer relations with our members, I have recently advocated (and it has the approval of the Commander) that a booklet or other similar device be made up and sent to all members containing name of member, his date of birth, present address, and telephone number, arranged in order from January through December, with a provision to be instituted whereby added membership may be inserted. The purpose of the booklet is to inform the members in a handy book form the birth date of his Brother members in the hope that he will be remembered on his birthday with a card or telephone call. I have every hope that this will be a success, and if not already done by other Camps would suggest adoption of the program. It MIGHT help to strengthen a Camp.

A suggestion: Would it be a good thing for the "Camp News" to have a portion of its space devoted to members who have a gripe? Perhaps it would be a good place for those who would like to "let off steam."

Have you had this experience: Many who are not eligible would give their right arm for the privilege to join, while many Past Commanders have seen fit to give up the Camp and it's like pulling teeth to get them to re-membership?

"The Good Ship 35" assisted its "Life-boat" in observance of Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays on Feb. 26th.

LaFOREST E. OSBORNE.

LINCOLN OBSERVANCE

Annual ceremonies were held at the Park Square Lincoln Statue in Boston on February 12, jointly with the City of Boston. Assistant Attorney-General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, "Jim Wolff (one of our own) presided. Surprise visit by National Patriotic Instructor John Emery, who represented Commander-in-Chief Bennett, helped to make the occasion a success. Past Department Commander Winchell and National Public Relations Officer Drown, and other affiliates of the Grand Army of the Republic, were also participants.

ANCIENT ORDER OF BUTTONS

The Quarterly meeting of the Ancient Order of Buttons was held in G. A. R. Hall, Rockland, on March 29th, with the newly elected officers in the chairs, George Wm. Kimball being the new Grand Oracle.

LINCOLN BANQUET

The Past Commanders and Past Presidents Association annual Lincoln Dinner was held February 12 with Past National Patriotic Instructor "Addie" Quinn and Past National Chief of Staff "Pam" Elder heading the committee. Department Commander Smith, Department President Maybell W. Howard and National Pastriotic Instructor Emery attended.

LOYALTY

Loyalty, as exemplified by the Union soldiers, sailors and marines of 1861 to 1865, should ever stir our hearts to a greater love of country, to a deeper appreciation of their services and sacrifices; a desire to perpetuate and inculcate the principles for which they offered their lives and to guard the results which they secured by thei rservices and sacrifices. We were organized to carry out these ideals. As Loyalty was needed in 1861 even so it is needed today in every phase of our lives—in government, in religion, in the home and even in our beloved order.

As Lincoln so eloquently said: "It is for us, the living, rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they, who fought here, have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be dedicated to the great task remaining before us . . ." These words should be a clarion call to us for this "unfinished work" and this "great task" have not yet been completed. As recipients of the blessings of this great country and as members of an Order allied to the Grand Army of the Republic, we must ever be loyal to the memory of our fathers.

Today each of us must answer the question: "Am I a worthy son of a noble sire?" May our answer be dutiful and may our deeds always show forth our Loyalty. — George A. Adams.

CAMP 50, ROCKLAND

General Hartsuff Camp 50 of Rockland are holding whist parties every Saturday night in Grand Army Hall at 8:00 o'clock. Earl W. Harrington is in charge.

Camp 50 and Auxiliary 50 are planning a joint anniversary sometime in April. It will be the 40th anniversary of the Auxiliary and the 50th of the Camp.

CONFEDERATE PROPAGANDA

National Public Relations Officer Drown has been fortunate in securing forum items in a half dozen big newspapers on Confederated propaganda, which is really getting out of hand. Full text of 500 words appeared in the Boston Traveler on Feb. 12 (p.m.); same day the Boston Herald (a.m.) contained "Bill" Cunningham's syndicated column (¼ page), taking issue and not in entire accord. However, we received best and biggest publicity in our history . . . and only just started.

SINKING OF "MAINE" ANNIV.

Henry W. Lawton Camp No. 11, U. S. W. V., of Springfield, held its annual exercises commemorating the anniversary of the sinking of the battleship "Maine" in Havana Harbor, Feb. 15, 1898, Commander Ralph H. McPheters presiding. By a vote of the Camp these exercises were held Feb. 8, due to the fact that Feb. 15th came between two of our regular meetings. Past Commander J. H. Wentzel was the principal speaker. He is also a Past Department Officer of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

OBITUARIES

Past Commander-in-Chief H. Harding Hale was "promoted" February 3. Ritual ceremony was held during last funeral rites on February 6, with Senior Vice Department Commander Carder Perkins, Department Secretary Palmer, Past Department Commanders Weiler, Fuller and Drown participating. Department Secretary Palmer, National Secretary-Treasurer Lambert, New England Regional Secretary Winchell, and our Commander-in-Chief Bennett were alert to their obligations. "Bob" Wood, Commander of Bowditch Camp, Dorchester, co-operated in arrangement of details. We're bound to miss members of the Hale calibre. His invaluable contribution to our radio programs will ever be remembered.

Sympathy is also extended to the families of the following Brothers who have passed away recently: Alonzo G. Fraser, Commander Camp 46; Ernest D. Howland, Commander Camp 97; Leroy W. Chapman, Past Commander Camp 1; Joseph W. Webster of Camp 150; and Rev. Raymond T. Reed of Camp 81.

CARD OF THANKS

I am very grateful for the beautiful flowers and expressions of sympathy from the Sons of Union Veterans and Allied Organizations, and would like to take this opportunity of expressing my thanks and appreciation for the very many expressions, in various ways, of encouragement and cheer to Harding — and of sympathy to me. They have meant a great deal to us both.

Sincerely yours,

MABEL F. HALE

28 Garden St., Boston 14

CAMP 150, NEW BEDFORD

Death has again invaded our ranks and removed our Junior Vice Commander Joseph W. Webster. Brother Webster never allowed anything to prevent his attendance at all Camp activities, as well as those of the Allied Organizations, if it was possible for him to be present. He had held the office of Junior Vice Commander but a short time, having served as secretary for many years.

Senior Vice Commander Benjamin A. Andress has been appointed as one of her chancellors, by President Wunchel, recently elected to that office of Tent 77, D. of U. V., New Bedford.

Brother Fred W. Coon, chaplain of John H. Clifford Camp No. 150, has been confined to his home by illness. An active member, he has been much missed from the meetings.

PLYMOUTH COUNTY ASS'N

The Plymouth County Association annual Banquet and Entertainment was held on February 9 in Rockland. Past Department Commander "Tom" Crawford was one of the hard workers on this Lincoln observance. A fellow member, with him, on the Board of Trustees of the G. A. R. Hall at Brockton, Michael A. Caffrey, paid a glowing tribute to the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and their heirs, the S. U. V., and "Mike" is not even an eligible. National Publicity Secretary Drown was "drafted" for the "Gettysburg Address."

The next regular meeting of the Plymouth County Association, S. U. V., will be held Tuesday, April 15, with Camp 143, Norwell. It is expected that the Association Degree Team will initiate three members for the Norwell Camp.

CAMP 17, BROCKTON

Past Department Commander William W. Haskell headed a committee in tendering a reception to Elmer Shaw, Jr., Commander of Capt. R. B. Grover Camp 17, Brockton, February 29, in Grand Army Hall, Brockton. Shaw, a student at Brockton High School and member of its Band, may be the youngest ever to command a local camp. Special guests included Department Commander Herbert L. Smith, Department Vice-President Blanche Foster, Past National President Maude B. Warren, and Harold M. Drown, who represented Commander-in-Chief Roy J. Bennett. "Jimmy" Lawton of the Brockton City Council said in substance that our organization stood for those principles which make for a better town, state, nation and world, just as did our fathers — the Grand Army of the Republic.

NORTH METROPOLITAN ASS'N

The 26th Annual Banquet of the North Metropolitan District Association, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, will be held in the Lafayette Building, Wakefield, corner of Common and Lafayette Street, near Wakefield Square, on Saturday, April 26, 1952, at 6:30 p.m. sharp. There will be a hot roast turkey dinner and entertainment. Tickets are $2.50, including tax and tip. Plenty of free parking. Make reservations with George William Kimball, 11-A John Street, Chelsea.

The North Metropolitan Degree Team initiated one member for Camp 62, Everett on Monday evening, March 24th. A supper preceded the meeting of the Camp.

The last meeting of the North Met was held in Newburyport with Camp 109 on Sunday, March 30.

CAMP 144, BRIDGEWATER

Capt. Nahum Leonard Camp 144 of Bridgewater, and its Auxiliary, observed the 60th and 15th anniversaries respectively April 3 in the Trinity Parish House. A baked ham supper was served at 6:30, followed by entertainment. The Bridgewater High School Band furnished music for the occasion, and Brother Tony Raymond of Plymouth pleased all with his magician's act.

Department Commander Smith had the pleasure of pinning 50-year membership badges on Edward Hooper (father of Department Council Member Charles Hooper), and Wendell Simpson.

NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL

The regular meeting of the New England Regional Association was held in Rutland, Vermont, on March 29 and 30. Past Regional Commander Thomas A. Chadwick was elected to serve the balance of this year as Radio Director.

A booklet containing the installation service of the Regional and the Revised By-Laws has been printed and may be procured from the Secretary, Louis E. Winchell, Sr., 11 Fairmont Place, Malden, at 25¢ per copy.

CAMP 143, NORWELL

Curtis Camp 143, Norwell, very likely had the headline honors on "Lincolniana" in Bay State. On Sunday, February 17, Camp 143 held an Open House, at which Norwell High School Principal Small coordinated in an essay contest on the "Life of Lincoln." The Camp awarded prizes to three winners out of a goodly number of contributions. National Publicity Secretary Drown helped make program official with address on "Linked With Lincoln As of Today." A duet, "When 'the Boys in Blue' Are Gone," in closing, made all else memorable. Good attendance on a very bad day.

JAMES G. WOLFF HONORED

An invitation to Assistant Attorney General and Mrs. James G. Wolff to attend a dinner at the Headquarters of Post 1016, V. F. W., in Brighton, turned out to be a surprise reception at which Mr. Wolff was given honorable membership in the Order of the Cooties, the social organization of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mr. Wolff was so honored for his work of so many years for the veterans of all wars from the Civil War to the present. For fifteen years he has been Commander of Joel Dudley Camp 79, S. U. V., and Chairman of the Memorial Day Committee, in which all the local veterans' posts participate.

It is said that no other man has been given such honorable membership, which had to be approved by the National Headquarters.

CAMP 15, SPRINGFIELD

L. A. Tifft Camp 15 of Springfield held its annual Lincoln-Washington observance in Grand Army Hall, on Saturday, February 16, preceded by a supper. Brother Johnson showed a very educational movie (in colors) of his recent trip to Washington, D. C. Department Commander Smith, Department President Maybell Howard and National Patriotic Instructor Emery were present.

"TROOPING OF COLORS"

Past National Patriotic Instructor "Addie" Quinn officiated as director in "Trooping of the Colors" at Faneuil Hall, "Cradle of Liberty," when Women for National Defense held their annual observance. A very fine 1/4 page picture of the display appeared in the Boston Post. Among those attending were Department Commander Smith and Department President Maybell Howard.